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APPLICANTS: Farmer
ASSIGNEE: Ganeden Biotech, Inc.
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/369,016 EXAMINER: I. Marx
FILING DATE: August 5, 1999 ART UNIT: 1651
FOR: METHODS FOR INCREASING THE SOLUBILITY OF ESSENTIAL VITAMINS &
MINERALS IN MAMMALS USING PROBIOTIC LACTIC ACID-PRODUCING
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Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114

This is a request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Enclosed herein are the following:

1. Petition for a three (3) month extension of time (1 pg.);
2. Reply Under 37 CFR 1.111 to Office Action dated November 5, 2002 (8 pgs.);
3. Check #16190 in the amount of \$465.00;
4. Check #16191 in the amount of \$375.00;
5. Declaration under 37 § 1.114 by John Fisgus (3 pgs.);
6. Appendix A (1 pg.); and
7. A return postcard.

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Pursuant to 35 USC §1.114, applicant herein requests continued examination of Application No. 09/850,466. Included with this request are the required elements of 1) a request (this document); 2) a submission; and 3) a fee; check # 16191 in the amount of \$375.00. Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 19374-504. With such a timely filed request, submission, and fee, applicant believes that the amendment should be entered and the finality of the Action should be withdrawn. A duplicate copy of this Transmittal is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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